Request for Information: CCDF lead agencies must submit an email of text that describes how the lead agency plans to spend funding provided by: Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSA) Funds is as follows:

Response needed to DWD by: February 24, 2021.

The email must be organized according to the following headings (listed in bold below) and address the following questions under the headings:

Address Email to Mr. Anthony M. Riley

Acting Division Chief, Division of Workforce

CC: 477 Assigned Specialist

Subject Heading: CRRSA use of funds

<u>Metlakatla Indian Community</u> operating under 477 Plan will provide the following services in accordance with the Metlakatla Indian Community 477 approved plan and policies as applicable.

Re: planned use of Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSA) Funds is as follows:

Direct Child Care Services (Subsidies)

 Does the lead agency plan to use CRRSA funds to provide direct childcare services, including childcare subsidy assistance to health care sector employees, emergency responders, sanitation workers, farm and other food service workers, and/or other workers deemed essential or frontline during the response to coronavirus? If yes, describe.

The Metlakatla Indian Community does plan to use the CRRSA funds to provide direct childcare services including, but not limited to;

- o Childcare subsidy assistance to health care sector employees
- o Emergency responders
- Sanitation workers
- o Farm and other food service workers
- o and/or other workers deemed essential or frontline during the response to coronavirus

Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices

• Does the lead agency plan to use CRRSA funds to provide resources, supplies, and/or technical assistance to childcare providers to support implementation of health and safety practices and policies in line with guidance from State and local health departments and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)? If yes, describe.

The Metlakatla Indian Community 477 program will use CRRSA funds to provide resources for the following, but not limited to;

- Resources
- Supplies
- Technical assistance to childcare providers to support implementation of health and safety practices and policies in line the guidance from State and local health departments and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers

• Does the lead agency plan to use CRRSA funds to support the stability of the childcare sector to help childcare providers (program facilities and workforce) pay for increased operating expenses during the COVID-19 public health emergency? If yes, describe.

The Metlakatla Indian Community 477 program will use CRRSA funds to, but are not limited to;

 support the stability of the childcare sector to help childcare providers (program facilities and workforce) pay for increased operating expenses during the COVID-19 public health emergency The 477 program will follow the approved plan and any approved tribal policy that is applicable.

Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic

• As required in CRRSA, how does the lead agency plan to use a portion of funds appropriated in CRRSA to provide assistance to CCDF-eligible childcare providers not

participating in the subsidy system prior to the COVID-19 public health emergency?

The Metlakatla Indian Community 477 program will follow their approved plan and policy an procedures in providing services to CCDF eligible providers.

Other

• Does the lead agency plan to use a portion of CRRSA childcare funds for any other activities or assistance not described above? If yes, describe.

The Metlakatla Indian Community approved 477 plan, approved waivers, and policy and procedures will be used to determine eligible expenses other than what is determined in the above statements.

If the Metlakatla Indian Community 477 program determines the funds will be used for construction, then a construction/renovation application will be sent in no later than July 1, 2021

CCDF lead agencies that have not yet determined or finalized how they plan to spend all or a portion of their CRRSA funds prior to February 25 must indicate that they have not yet decided on how they plan to use their CRRSA allocations, submit any tentative or partial plans, and provide the status and timeline for finalizing those plans. Lead agencies should also note if additional guidance is needed to finalize plans.

Include this sentence if applicable

• Additional guidance is needed to finalize plans.

The Metlakatla Indian Community may state that they have not decided how to implement the CRRSA funding, and will work with DWD as additional guidance is needed.